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NEWS SUMMARY.

County.—Feb. 22.—Mrs. Hattie Williams Newark was frightened to death by being attacked by a vicious dog, the property of the man in whose store she was trading at the time.—At the public test of the new Water Supply of Orange a stream of water was being thrown over Miss Hall in 2½ minutes after the alarm was given, 6½ minutes less time than it required the steamer to get to work.—

25.—The annual report of the Newark Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary published.—3370 patients treated at an actual cost of about \$2,000, or less than one dollar for each case. Many of them involved skill and attention usually bought only of great expense.—The Women and Children's Mutual Benefit Association, on the same plan as the Knights of Honor and other benevolent insurance associations, has hung out its sign on Broad Street, Newark.—27.—A reception given by the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Newark to the Young Men's Christian Association and attended by a large number of the members of each association and their lady friends, is one of the notable events of the day.

ABOUT TOWN.

—Mr. Jos. D. Gallagher spent a few days in Boston this week.

—A cake walk and fair was given by the colored people on Wednesday evening at their chapel.

—Maybee & English, the temperance reformers, have an engagement in Montreal this month.

—Mr. Van Sant, the dentist, is soon to open an office in Hoboken, in connection with his Bloomfield business.

—The Orange Water Company did the handsome thing in buying two hundred and fifty tickets for the Bazaar.

—Mr. Heckel's building is growing rapidly, and when completed will be a decided improvement to that district.

—Wm. Finnerty, an old offender at wife beating was again arrested on Monday evening and lodged in the County jail.

—The D. L. & W. Railroad Company are erecting protection poles at each street crossing within the city limits of Newark.

—Wm. Chapman and Walter Ellor of Watsessing, have opened a gent's furnishing and hat store at Yonkers, N. Y. The former has been a salesman for Ellor Bros. for some time past.

—The Annual Town Meeting, to hear the report and recommendations of the Township Committee, will be held at Library Hall Monday evening. All citizens interested in township affairs should be present.

—The Hand of Patrick Byrne was caught in the calenders at the Essex Paper Mill on Monday morning, causing a severe sprain at the wrist. It was some time before he could be released from his painful position.

—One of our Bloomfield young ladies under the *nom de plume* of "Dorothy Gray," has written a very pretty little story for Harper's Young People, and gets the congratulations of the editor in the issue for Feb. 26.

—Bloomfield and Montclair were entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the city on Thursday morning; the heavy weight of snow on the wires caused some of them to break and prevented others from working.

—"We have no hesitation in saying, and we say it boldly," the young ladies in charge of the refreshment tables at the Bazaar looked remarkably sweet and refreshing in their Greenaway costumes. They carried off the cake, so to speak.

—An accident occurred to the carriage of Mr. Benjamin Haskell at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. While rounding the corner near the church a sudden lurch sprung the wheel,

overturning the carriage and considerably bruising the occupants, consisting of Mr. Haskell, his wife and driver.

—A few days ago Wm. Upton was painfully injured at Davey's card-board mill by crushing a finger in a paper making machine. This is the fourth accident of the kind on this one machine. It has therefore acquired the name of the finger cutter.

—Mr. E. B. Corby received a severe fall on Wednesday evening at the junction of Mr. Oakes' flag walk and the wretched board walk on Bloomfield Avenue. Perhaps the authorities will have this man-trap removed after some unfortunate person receives serious injuries.

—The third lecture of the seminary course will be delivered by Dr. H. E. Richards, on Tuesday evening, March 4th. The subject will be, "The First Life: The Age of Shell Fish, The Coral Builders, The Age of Fishes, The Reptilian Age, and the Coal Period."

—The regular monthly meeting of the Westminster Society of young people was held in the Church Parlor on Monday evening; the attendance was good, and the programme excellent. Dr. H. E. Richards delivered a lecture before the society last evening. A piano has been purchased by the society, to be used at their regular meetings.

—The three new houses erected on State Street by Mrs. Jacobson, have all been rented. One will be occupied by Mr. J. K. Williams, now residing on Park Avenue. Rev. Mr. Sutphen has moved into another, and the third has been rented by a well-known young man, who, it is reported, expects soon to join the great army of Beneficiaries.

Why We Do It.

The following resolution will explain why we reprint in this issue several articles which have before appeared in our columns.

—At a meeting of the Village Improvement Association, held Feb. 1, the following resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved, That the Editorial Committee of the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN be requested to republish the editorial, and the articles on Vital Statistics and on Progress, as published in the issue of Dec. 29 last.

The Bazaar.

—As we went to press last week during the Bazaar of Essex Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, we were unable to give a complete account in our last issue. The entertainment ended as pleasantly and successfully as it opened. Never before have so many persons attended an entertainment in our town. The attendance on Friday was over sixteen hundred, and on Saturday over one thousand persons visited the hall. On the second evening the Bazaar had lost none of its freshness. The tables had been restocked, and the fair attendants were as charming as ever.

Much of the interest centered in the voting for the different articles. A rubber suit was to be presented to the fireman receiving the largest number of votes. When the polls closed at nine o'clock, Mr. John Dalrymple was declared the winner, he having 193 votes, with very little opposition.

The medical works to be voted to a physician were won by Dr. White, with 53 votes out of a total of 127. The interesting event of the evening was the awarding of the elegant silk quilt. At a late hour in the evening, the young ladies in the refreshment parlors began a very energetic canvass in the interest of Miss Dalrymple and swept all before them. During the fifteen minutes of silent voting previous to the closing of the polls at ten o'clock, they worked with a will, and carried their candidate far ahead. The quilt was won by Miss Dalrymple with 513 votes. At the close of the voting, the remaining articles and supplies of various kinds were disposed of by auction, one of the members acting in the capacity of auctioneer. The Committee of Arrangements deserve great credit for the admirable management of the entire affair, and are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts.

—Essex No. 1, the paper of the Bazaar, edited by a member of the company, contained a sketch of the Bloomfield Fire Association, a list of the officers and members of the Truck Company, and many items of interest in fire matters. It was a neatly gotten up sheet, and met with a ready sale.

The net profit of the various attractions were about as follows: Refreshments, \$30; Art Fancy Table, \$160; Voting, \$12; Common Sense Table, \$2; Worsted Table, \$72.

The receipts from the sale of tickets are about \$260, and from auction, \$30.

After paying the expenses the net result will be about \$1,100, a sufficient amount to purchase a first-class fire alarm bell.

—Essex County Teachers' Association.

The next regular meeting of this Association will be held in the High School Building, Newark, to-day, March 1st, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. The following program has been arranged, and it is hoped every teacher in the county will try to be present.

9:30—Opening exercises. 9:45-11:00—Language: Its importance, and how it should be taught—Geo. O. F. Tayor, Chas. J. Webster, F. N. Torrey, J. B. Maxwell. Followed by discussion. 11:00-12:30—Address: Political Economy, by Hon. Thos. G. Shearman. There will be no afternoon session.

GEO. O. F. TAYOR,
President
PHOEBUS W. LYON,
Secretary.

If reason justly contradicts an article, it is not of the household of faith.—Jere my Taylor.

The Loan Collection at the Bazaar.

It seems scarcely proper to let so good a collection as that at the Bazaar pass without special comment. The interest shown in it was made evident by the fact that nearly or quite seven hundred persons thronged the small room where it was deposited—a room in which, by the way, not more than twenty persons could simultaneously look at the objects with any degree of comfort.

The article marked "No. 1" was a great attraction to everybody. These bed hangings, of linen, worked in puppy dog stags with arrows through them, and various outlandish devices of other kinds, had a history of their own. Dr.

Geo. C. Clapp's three wives successively toiled and wrought upon them, and they were begun in Italy, taken to London, carried thence in the Plague year (1665) to America, and completed in New York.

It remains a marvel whether the will of his devoted wife is the most to be admired. To many Dr. Clapp and the bed-curtains would appear to have been a destiny from which Number Three might reasonably have shrunk. The style of the lady, however, was illustrated by her very rigid "stays" in which the daughter of Dr. Clapp and the bed-curtains were married in 1779. These were appropriately hung above the curtains on the North Wall, and balanced by another pair of revolutionary corsets of 130 years antiquity. A Waterloo sword, with basket hilt (Mr. Jarvie), crossed a modern sabre picked up at Bull's Run (Dr. Kennedy). Dr. Kennedy's Fiji war clubs and Malay spear had their counterpart in Mr. Knewitt's Malay kris and the (un-catalogued) trappings of an Indian medicine man killed in a fight with Gen. Millot, and loaned through Mrs. A. E. Hardecaste.

By far the largest and most important contribution to local history was however, that of Miss Fanny Dodd. She loaned some fifty different articles mainly illustrating old Bloomfield. On the pages of the ancient account books some estimable gazers could discover that their ancestors purchased "spirits" 1 pt. gin, 1 qt. brandy, and odd amounts of snuff and tobacco. Here were a handful of old State bank notes; a bill of sale of goods in "West Bloomfield" (the ancient and honorable title of the aristocratic Montclair) and a variety of antique objects, like a foot-stove with its pan for hot coals for the cold meeting-house, and the venerable "Grand Canal" (a bandbox memorable for its pictures as well as its "freight" of Leghorn and silk bonnets). Here were also home-made long white linen gloves, a warming-pail, a dinner horn, some nice old china, and the specimens of pulpit damask from the Old First Presbyterian Church. A little hair trunk, appearing about the size proper for two silk waists (Miss Ida Wilcox), hung upon the wall. And the climax of interest was reached in a plan of Bloomfield in 1836, in which it can be noted that the "Green" or "Common" was already known as the "Park" and the paper respecting the Bloomfield Academy. This last is in the handwriting of the father of Hon. Amzi Dodd, as that gentleman assures us. It contained the names of many noble and earnest men now gone to their reward. And it refers to the arrangement had with the Education Society by which the subscribers took upon them a share in the financial burden.

Among these early articles of local interest were the very beautiful crepe flowers made by Mrs. W. R. Peters, and loaned by her daughter, Mrs. Nash. Mrs. Cory Johnson contributed some old bills dated 1757 and 1768, and two or three pieces of fine old china. It seemed especially interesting when we passed by the case containing the various fans—some of which were loaned by the Misses M. F. Dodd, Clark, McIntosh, Michell, and Macomb, and by Mrs. Nash.

In fact, as we turn the pages of the neat catalogue of over 200 items, we find that we can consider common-place and many that are intrinsically rare and valuable." Mr. C. D. M. Peele's exhibit of three articles was perhaps the finest in the room. It consisted first of a very remarkable Chinese bowl with the imperial dragon wrought into its actual texture—plain white when you looked at it, but showing to a close observation its exquisite workmanship. Then there was a hand-wrought white Canton chapeau shawl over which the ladies went into ecstasies. And last came a Bombay work box, in silver and ivory, which scarcely attracted the attention its merits deserved.

Some pieces of brocade, furnished by Mr. E. W. Sutton and Mrs. Sutphen, are to be noted as having come from remarkable places—such, for instance, as the bed-chamber of Mary, Queen of Scots. The Misses Dalrymple loaned some really singular antiquities in the shape of a plate of the 16th century owned by Baron Pennefather, a 16th century salt cellar, and a plate from the china of the Duchess of Sutherland.

There was a good illustration of articles of dress. A Tussah silk, embroidered dress (Miss Michell); a very handsome old Roman scarf (Miss Wilde); a baby's dress (Mrs. C. T. Dodd); an embroidered dress of the 17th century (Miss McIntosh); a Chinese Mandarin's coat (Miss Van Winkle), and an Indian chief's beaded belt (Mrs. Amzi Dodd) were much received.

There was no intention to exhibit works of art, but Mr. J. L. Clark's fine water-jar of hammered brass did not stand altogether alone. It was supported by two paintings on copper (Mr. John Newton); a set of Mexican flagstaff jewelry (Mrs. Nash); and by the carved ivory Chinese bracelets (Dr. Farrington), the miniatures of Nanak and Rupneet Singh (Mr. John Newton), and a pair of carved ivory glove stretchers (Mr. Kewitt). These were of all exceedingly delicate and artistic construction. Mr. C. M. Davis' "picture made with colored sand" was really a curiosity, but it resembled water color work so nearly as to lose some of its attractiveness to the ordinary eye.

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Inquiry was made at the end of the lecture for the book to which Dr. Richards referred. The title is "Moses and Geology; or, The Harmony of the Bible with Science," by Samuel Knott, Ph. D. Castle, Potter, Galpin & Co., London, Paris and New York, 1882.

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Among curios, pure and simple, Dr. Kennedy's collection ranked high. The piece of "Lot's Wife" (a bit of the salt pillar of that name) aroused much inquiry when it was seen in the catalogue. The Turkish, Japanese, and Chinese shoes, the Jewish phylacteries and especially the piece of Pizarro's shroud, call for particular mention.

There was an old embroidered map of Europe (1794) ready to tumble in pieces

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